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Paines (Surname)

Paines is a surname of Anglo-Norman origin, first recorded in England in the period following the Norman Conquest of 1066.[1]

Genealogical representation associated with the surname *Paines*

Etymology

The surname derives from the medieval Latin given name *Pagānus*, which entered Old French as *paien*. Its original meaning was "villager" or "countryman." Subsequently, in a religious context, the term acquired the meaning of "pagan."[2]

Common spelling variations of the name include **Payne**, **Payn**, **Pagan**, and **Fitz-Payn** (a patronymic form meaning "son of Payn").[2]

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Language(s)	Norman, English, French, Portuguese
Origin	
Word/name	Normandy, France
Derivation	*Pagānus* (Medieval Latin)

History

The name appears in the Domesday Book of 1086, where an individual is recorded as *Edmund filius Pagen* (Edmund, son of Pagen).[2] Studies in onomastics indicate that the name became established as a hereditary surname in medieval England between the 11th and 13th centuries.[1]

During the English colonization of the Americas, the name was introduced to New England in the 17th century by settlers from Great Britain.[3]

Coat of arms

Certain British armorials record coats of arms associated with the Paine surname. A version described in Fairbairn's Book of Crests is blazoned as follows:[4]

- **Arms:** Argent, a cross patoncé Sable.
- **Helm:** A knight's helmet surmounted by a crown.
- **Supporters:** Two angelic figures.
- **Motto:** *Mori Invictus* (Latin for "To die unconquered").

Note: A coat of arms is granted to an individual, not a family or surname. The arms described above would belong only to the specific lineage for which they were granted.

Notable people

- Albert Bigelow Paine (1861–1937), American author and biographer.
- Albert Ingraham Paine (1874–1949), English cricketer.
- Bayard H. Paine (1872–1955), Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court.
- Robert Treat Paine (1731–1814), American lawyer, politician, and a signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- Robert Treat Paine Jr. (1773–1811), American poet and editor.
- Thomas Paine (1737–1809), English-born American political activist, philosopher, and revolutionary.
- Thomas O. Paine (1921–1992), American engineer and NASA Administrator who oversaw the first seven Apollo missions.

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